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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>		<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/647,091		TUSTANIWSKYI ET AL.	
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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --**

**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 August 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)             | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)    | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____  |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Cader et al (US Patent 6,836,131).

Cader et al teach a system, Fig. 9b, for maintaining an IC-module 960 near a set-point temperature while electrical power dissipation in said IC-module 960 is varied, said system comprising: a container 970 having an open end and with seal 920 for pressing against said IC-module 960; a plurality of spaced-apart nozzles 916 in said container for spraying a liquid coolant on said IC-module when said seal is pressed against said IC-module; Cader et al teach furthermore a window 974 in said container 970, said window is transparent for passing an electromagnetic radiation and blocking a liquid or gas stated coolant. Although Cader et al teach said window is transparent for a purpose of optical scanning by a microscope head, and also serves as a heat dissipating slug, it is inherent that it is capable for passing any kind of electromagnetic radiation in both directions.

3. Claims 2-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cader et al in view of Patel et al (US Patent 6,550,263).

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Cader et al teach all the limitations of the claims except said system includes an incremental droplets control system (described in the specification of the instant application as used for ink-jets control in printers), wherein said control system including a close d-loop control means for receiving a sensor signal about a temperature of said IC-module and sending a control signal based on said IC-module temperature to all or a specific quantity from just one (claim 2) to all of said spray nozzles (3) allowing said spray nozzles to eject a single droplet (claim 6), or multiple nozzles to eject simultaneously with a frequency increasing corresponding to increase of said temperature (claims 8, 11, 12). Cader et al also no not teach each nozzle ejecting droplets by squeezing a coolant with a piezoelectric device (claim 9) or by heating said coolant with an electric heater (claim 10). Patel et al teach a spray cooling system for IC-modules comprising: an incremental droplets control system (described in the specification as used for ink-jets control in printers. Se Abstract), said control system including a close d-loop control means for receiving a sensor signal about a temperature of said IC-module and sending a control signal (col. 5, lines 37-44) based on said IC-module temperature (col. 6, lines 54-61) to all or a specific quantity from just one (col. 6, lines 34-35) to all of said spray nozzles (Coil. 6, lines 35-38) allowing said spray nozzles to eject a single droplet or multiple nozzles to eject simultaneously with a frequency increasing corresponding to increase of said temperature and vaporize all of the cooling fluid (col. 5, lines 30-35) Cader et al also no not teach each nozzle ejecting droplets by squeezing a coolant with a piezoelectric device or by heating said coolant with an electric heater (col. 6, lines 42-54). It would have been obvious to one ordinary

skilled in the art at the time invention was made to use a system for maintaining an IC-module near a set-point temperature described by Patel et al in the device by Cader et al in order to make said cooling system more accurate, reliable and cost-efficient.

Regarding to the claim 13: Cader et al and Patel et al teach all the limitations of the claim except said IC-module is enclosed by a cover enclosing an IC-chip and said seal is pressed against said cover of said IC-module. It would have been obvious to one ordinary skilled in the art at the time invention was made to use a system for maintaining an IC-module near a set-point temperature described by Cader et al and Patel et al for testing an IC-module either having a cover or without a cover, having an exposed IC-chip, since applicant has not disclosed that a type of the IC-module (covered or not) solves any stated problem or is for any particular purpose and it appears that the invention by Cader et al and Patel et al (as well as the proposed invention) would perform equally well with any kind of an IC-module being tested.

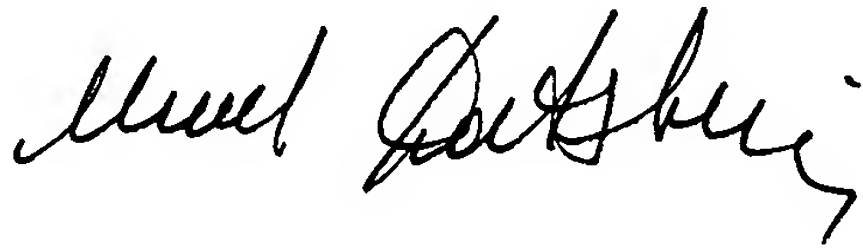
4. The prior art made of record provided in the PTO-Form 892 and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael V. Datskovskiy whose telephone number is (571) 272-2040. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-4:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn Feild can be reached on (571) 272-2092. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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